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SUBJ: PRESIDENT JAWARA ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1. FOLLOWING HIS RETURN JUNE 22 FROM LONDON COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE, PRESIDENT JAWARA HELD PRESS CONFERENCE AT WHICH HE DISCUSSED HUMAN RIGHTS WITH REPORTERS. SIR DAWDA SUGGESTED THAT OAU SHOULD CONSIDER ADDING HUMAN RIGHTS SECTION TO ITS CHARTER.

2. COMMONWEALTH MEETING, PRESIDENT DECLARED, HAD AGREED THAT GROSS VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS SHOULD BE CONDEMNED. DURING CONFERENCE, SIR DAWA SAID HE HAD SUGGESTED SETTING UP HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, AN IDEA WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED AT NEXT MEETING OF COMMONWEALTH LAW MINN.

3. WITH ONE OF BEST RECORDS ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD, THE GAMBIA IS IN GOOD POSITION TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON THESE SUGGESTIONS. WYGANT

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